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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR PRIME MINISTER RABIN

REF: TEL AVIV 5454

1. FOLLWING IS TEXT REVISION OF PRESIDENTAL LETTER HANDED
ME TODAY BY RABIN:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER,

I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE U.S. RECOGNIZES THAT THE
ISRAEL-EGYPTAIN INTERIM AGREEMENT ENTAILING WITHDRAWAL FROM VITAL
AREAS IN SINAI CONSITUTES AN ACT OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE ON ISRAEL'S
PART IN THE PURSUIT OF FINAL PEACE AND IMPOSES ADDITIONAL HEAVY
MILITARY AND ECONOMIC BURDNES ON ISRAEL.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE U.S. WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT
TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS RESOURCES AND
CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION, ON AN ONGOING AND
LONG-TERM BASIS TO ISREL'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER DEFENSE
REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS TO ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC AID NEEDS, ALL
OF THIS BASED ON THE REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY ISRAEL, JOINT STUDIES
AND PREVIOUS U.S. PRESIDENTIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

FURTHER TO THOSE UNDERTAKINGS, IT IS MY RESOLVE TO CONTINUE
TO JINTAIN ISRAEL'S DEFSIVE STRENGTH THROUGH THE SUPPLY OF ADVANCED
TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS THE F16 AIRCRAFT AND THE PEERSHING
GROUND-TO-GROUND MISSILE WITH CONVENTIONAL WARHEADS.

THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WILL SUBMIT ANNUALLY FOR APPROVAL

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BY THE U.S. CONGRESS A REQUEST FOR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

IN ORDER TO MEET ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC AND MILITARY NEEDS.

REALIZING AS I DO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT TO THE MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION AS A WHOLE, THE U.S. WILL MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE AGREEMENT WILL BE OBSERVED WITHOUT BEING SUBJECTED TO PRESSURES OR DEADLINES.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL, THE U.S. WILL NOT PUT FORWARD NOR SUPPORT, DURING THE DURATION OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, NEW PROPOSALS, INCLUDING PROPOSALS RELATING TO AN OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT WHICH ISRAEL WOULD CONSIDER UNSATISFACTORY. THE U.S. WILL CONSULT WITH ISRAEL IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL ON THE MODALITIES, NATURE AND SUBSTANCE OF SUCH PROPOSALS.

THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT THE POSITION THAT AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT WITH SYRIA IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A PEACE AGREEMENT MUST ASSURE ISRAEL'S SECURITY FROM ATTACK FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE U.S. GIVES GREAT WEIGHT TO ISRAEL'S POSITION THAT ANY PEACE AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA MUST BE PREDICATED ON ISRAEL REMAINING ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE U.S. WILL NOT PRESS ISRAEL TO GO DOWN FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.

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